Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The Central Government has constituted the Central Information Commission consisting of one Chief Information Commissioner and four Information Commissioners.

(c) and (d) As per the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the functions of the Information Commission are to receive and inquire into complaint from any person, to decide the appeals and also to monitor and report to the Government on the implementation of the provisions of the Act. The Act envisages that the Chief Information Commissioner/Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. They shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which they enter upon office or till they attain the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.

(e) to (g) As per the information available, the Ministries and Departments of the Central Government have designated Public Information Officers.

Facilities to Child Labour in Maharashtra

*139. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had accorded approval to the National Child Labour Projects under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 for Thane and Solapur in 1995, and for 11 other districts in 2003 and 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the facilities and support provided to child labour thereunder; and the number of children covered in Maharashtra under the scheme; and

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra has proposed some more districts in the State to be convered under the National Child Labour Projects, if so, the details thereof and what proposal is under considersation of Government?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme, in addition to Solapur and Thane, 11 more districts of Maharashtra, namely, Nanded, Yavatmal, Dhule, Beed, Nasik, Pune, Ahmednagar, Sangli, Kolhapur, Jalgaon and Nandurbar have been included under NCLP Scheme in the year 2004. Under the National Child Labour Project Scheme, Special schools/Rehabilitation Centres are set up, which provide following facilities to the children withdrawn from employment:

* Formal/Non-formal education;
* Vocational Training;
* Supplementary nutrition @ Rs. 5/-per child;
* Stipend @ Rs. 100/- per month to children withdrawn from employment;
* Health care facilities.

So far, 3,700 children are being covered under the Scheme in the two old districts of Thane and Solapur. Based upon the recommendations of the State Government, Nanded, Nasik, Yavatmal and Beed have been recently sanctioned 25, 44, 2 and 25 special schools for child labour respectively in the year 2005, which covers 4800 children.

(c) The State Government of Maharashtra submitted 15 proposals for inclusion of districts under the NCLP Scheme between 1999 to 2004. The NCLPs are selected by the Government on the basis of the endemicity of child labour as per the census data. The Scheme was being implemented in 100 districts till the 9th Plan. It has subsequently been expanded during the 10th Plan to cover 250 districts in the country, based on the census figures of 2001. Accordingly, Pune, Ahmadnagar, Sangli, Kolapur, Jalgaon, Nandurbar, Nanded, Nasik. Yavatmal, Dhule and Beed have been selected from the State of Maharashtra for implementation of NCLP Scheme.

Revision of remunerations

†*140. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that remuneration of labourers, working in agriculture area have been revised by Government;

†Original notice of question was received in Hindi.